

# Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11, 2018



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10:00 AM

Christ Episcopal Church

Montpelier, VT

Christ Church is a Christian faith community that welcomes all, worships together, transforms lives, and engages in God's work in greater Montpelier and beyond.

# A Celtic Eucharist

Prelude: “Celtic Air”

Sarah Blair, violin

traditional

Processional Hymn: #599, “Lift every voice and sing”

Salutation and Response

The God of love is with us.

**The Spirit of love is in us.**

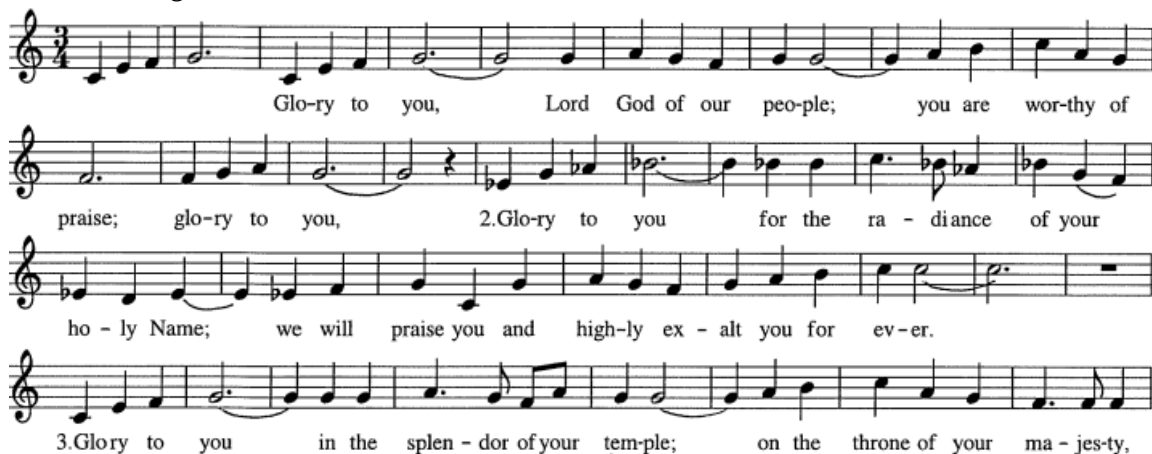
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.

**Let the winds and all creation praise you.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria – S236



Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our peo-ple; you are wor-thy of  
praise; glo-ry to you, 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - diance of your  
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.  
3.Glor-y to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma - jes-ty,

glo-ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; we will  
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er. 5.Glo-ry to you be -  
 hold-ing the depths; in the high-vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you, 6.Glo-ry to  
 you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; We will praise you and high-ly ex -  
 alt you for ev - er.

Let us pray:

**Holy Spirit, giver of life, creative breath of God through whom this world was breathed into existence and is sustained; blow with power and wisdom through our lives and infuse us with your indwelling, that we may be empowered and open to bring your kingdom to earth; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Word of God**

A reading from the Book of Ruth

3:1-5, 4:13-17



Unless the LORD builds the house,  
 their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
 in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

Antiphon

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;  
 vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
 for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Antiphon

Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
 and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
 are the children of one's youth.

Happy are they who have their quivers full of them!  
 They shall not be put to shame  
 when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Antiphon

A reading from the Book of Hebrews

9:24-28

Sequence Hymn: #541, "Come labor on"

verses 1-3

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

12:38-44

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sequence Hymn: #541, "Come labor on"

verses 4&5

The Sermon

Rev. Steve Reynes

## Statement of Belief

**Our God is the God of all humanity, of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers, of the sun and the moon, and all the stars, God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys, over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.**

**God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas, inspires all things, brings life to all things, is over all things and supports all things. God makes the light of the sun to shine, and surrounds the moon and stars, brings water to the deserts and places dry islands in the sea.**

**God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.**

**The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.**

**And God is forever. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that we are God's people and the hand of love on earth. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for your breath at the heart of creation from which the winds of joy and gladness come forth;

**For the gentle breezes that bring coolness and refreshment.**

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As we give thanks for the gift of life and for the comfort we receive in your holy presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort; For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally. For those who are weary or weakened by troubles;

**And those who are dying or frightened.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially for those we remember today either silently or aloud. Today, we pray for Ernest, Charlotte, Mary Helen, Evan, Maria, Mary Irish, Pat, Beth, Candi, Bob, Jody and for those whom you wish to name

either silently or aloud. We pray for those who are departed and for those who mourn. We ask for your comfort and your holy presence, O God.

**For all people, for our loved ones, and for ourselves.**

We pray to you, O God, asking that we may know your breath of love within us and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.

May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

**Let us claim it.**

God makes peace between us.

**Let us share it.**

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table!  
In addition to traditional consecrated bread and wine, consecrated gluten  
free hosts and grape juice are available upon request.*

Offertory Anthem: "Lord, I Trust Thee"

G.F. Handel

Doxology

Ho - ly Fa - ther, fount of light, God of wis - dom, good - ness, might; Ho - ly Son, Who  
cam'st to dwell, God with us, Em - man - u - el; Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove,  
God of com - fort, peace, and love; Ev - er more be Thou a - dored, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All things are yours, O God of creation.  
**And so, we return our gifts of treasure to you.**

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.  
**May it become for us the bread of life.**

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
**May it become for us the cup of blessing.**

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of ourselves.  
**In life and in death may we be an offering forever.**

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being. And so, with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness as we sing:

Sanctus:

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ, you inspire in us the hope that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and the angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.



Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.**

**Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and this wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation, through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, world without end. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

**The cup or love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God      *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



## Distribution of Communion

Communion Anthem: *"Holy is the True Light"*

William H Harris

Communion Hymn: #668, *"I to the hills will lift mine eyes"*

Postcommunion Prayer

**O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and this wine, may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is love. Amen.**

God of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represents the presence of the Holy in our midst.

**But we will carry the light in our hearts, and we pray that as we go about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.**

The Blessing

The power and peace of the Presence protect you. The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you. The good and gracious God go with you and keep you always. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: WLP #787, *"We are marching in the light of God"*

The Dismissal

Postlude: *"Voluntary"*

William Boyce

# ***Welcome!***

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

*Our Lay Eucharistic Minister this morning is Elizabeth Parker.  
Our Lectors this morning are the Ethan Parke and Rilla Murray.*

*Christ Episcopal Church's team of preachers reflects a variety of styles by bringing the  
Word of God to life in unique and relevant ways.*

## **Christ Church Staff and Leadership**

Paul Habersang, *Priest-in-Partnership*  
Beth Ann Maier, *Regional Deacon*  
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Bruce Story, *Senior Warden*  
Ted Long, *Junior Warden*  
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Kathy Preis, *Administrator*

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